

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

~~5~~ 1. An in-ground trampoline, comprising:
a segmented retaining wall.

~~2~~ 2. The in-ground trampoline of Claim 1, wherein said
segmented retaining wall is formed from a rigid, corrugated
10 material.

~~3~~ 3. The in-ground trampoline of Claim 2, wherein said
rigid, corrugated material is selected from the group
consisting of metals, metal alloys, plastics, fiber-
15 reinforced plastics, cellulose fiber and cement substrates,
non-cementitious substrates, cementitious substrates,
ferro-cements, fiberglass, carbon-fiber substrates, and
vinyl substrates.

~~4~~ 4. The in-ground trampoline of Claim 1, wherein said
segmented retaining wall is formed from a rigid, non-
20 corrugated material.

~~5~~ 5. The in-ground trampoline of Claim 4, wherein said
25 rigid, non-corrugated material is selected from the group

consisting of metals, metal alloys, plastics, fiber-reinforced plastics, cellulose fiber and cement substrates, non-cementitious substrates, cementitious substrates, ferro-cements, fiberglass, carbon-fiber substrates, and
5 vinyl substrates.

~~6.~~ The in-ground trampoline of Claim 1, further comprising at least one support ring removably secured to, and in supportive association with, said segmented
10 retaining wall.

~~7.~~ The in-ground trampoline of Claim 6, wherein said at least one support ring is selected from the group consisting of segmented support rings and non-segmented
15 support rings.

~~8.~~ The in-ground trampoline of Claim 6, wherein said at least one support ring is adapted to removably and securely receive a plurality of tensional supports, said tensional
20 supports secured to the periphery of a trampoline mat for the tensioned support of same within said at least one support ring.

~~9.~~ The in-ground trampoline of Claim 1, wherein said retaining wall is bottomless.

~~10.~~ The in-ground trampoline of Claim 1, wherein said segmented retaining wall is positioned within a recessed area selected from the group consisting of earthen pits, basins, ditches, indoor recessed areas, and outdoor recessed areas.

10 ~~11.~~ The in-ground trampoline of Claim 10, wherein said segmented retaining wall is positioned adjacent to, and in contact with, inner walls of said recessed area.

15 ~~12.~~ The in-ground trampoline of Claim 10, wherein said segmented retaining wall is shaped and configured to provide said in-ground trampoline with a shape selected from the group consisting of circles, squares, rectangles, ovals, diamonds, hexagons, octagons, other polygons, and other geometric shapes.

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~~13.~~ The in-ground trampoline of Claim 10, wherein said segmented retaining wall is adapted to receive an above-

ground trampoline to effectuate a ground level jumping surface.

~~14.~~ The in-ground trampoline of Claim 1, further comprising safety nets.

~~15.~~ The in-ground trampoline of Claim 1, further comprising safety padding.

~~16.~~ An in-ground trampoline for use above-ground, said in-ground trampoline comprising:

an outer retaining wall for precluding entry of objects, people and animals therepast and under a trampoline mat tensionally-supported therewithin.

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~~17.~~ An apparatus for providing a ground level jumping surface positioned over a recessed area, said apparatus comprising:

a bottomless retaining wall positionable within the recessed area.

~~18.~~ The apparatus of Claim 17, wherein said bottomless retaining wall is segmented.

~~19.~~ The apparatus of Claim 17, wherein said bottomless retaining wall is formed from a rigid, corrugated material.

~~20.~~ The apparatus of Claim 19, wherein said rigid,
5 corrugated material is selected from the group consisting of metals, metal alloys, plastics, fiber-reinforced plastics, cellulose fiber and cement substrates, non-cementitious substrates, cementitious substrates, ferro-cements, fiberglass, carbon-fiber substrates, and vinyl
10 substrates.

~~21.~~ The apparatus of Claim 17, wherein said bottomless retaining wall is formed from a rigid, non-corrugated material.

15 ~~22.~~ The apparatus of Claim 21, wherein said rigid, non-corrugated material is selected from the group consisting of metals, metal alloys, plastics, fiber-reinforced plastics, cellulose fiber and cement substrates, non-
20 cementitious substrates, cementitious substrates, ferro-cements, fiberglass, carbon-fiber substrates, and vinyl substrates.

~~24.~~ The apparatus of Claim 17, further comprising at least one support ring removably secured to, and in supportive association with, said bottomless retaining wall.

5 ~~24.~~ The apparatus of Claim 23, wherein said at least one support ring is selected from the group consisting of segmented support rings and non-segmented support rings.

~~25.~~ The apparatus of Claim 23, wherein said at least one
10 /support ring is adapted to removably and securely receive a plurality of tensional supports, said tensional supports secured to the periphery of a trampoline mat for the tensioned support of same within said at least one support ring.

15 ~~25.~~ The apparatus of Claim 17, wherein said bottomless retaining wall is positioned adjacent to, and in contact with, inner walls of the recessed area.

20 ~~25.~~ The apparatus of Claim 17, wherein said bottomless retaining wall is shaped and configured to provide said ground level jumping surface with a shape selected from the group consisting of circles, squares, rectangles, ovals,

diamonds, hexagons, octagons, other polygons, and other geometric shapes.

~~28.~~ The apparatus of Claim 17, wherein said bottomless
5 retaining wall is adapted to receive an above-ground
trampoline to effectuate said ground level jumping surface.

~~29.~~ The apparatus of Claim 17, further comprising safety
nets.

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~~30.~~ The apparatus of Claim 17, further comprising safety
padding.

~~31.~~ A method of implementing a ground level jumping
15 surface, comprising the steps of:

- a. obtaining a bottomless retaining wall
- b. positioning said bottomless retaining wall within a recessed area.

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20 ~~32.~~ The method of Claim 31, wherein said bottomless
retaining wall is segmented.

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~~33.~~ The method of Claim 31, further comprising the step of
tensioning a trampoline mat within said bottomless
retaining wall. Dg

5 ~~34.~~ The method of Claim 31, further comprising the step of
tensioning a trampoline mat over said bottomless retaining
wall.

~~35.~~ The method of Claim 31, further comprising the step of
10 placing a tensionally supported trampoline mat within said
bottomless retaining wall. Dg

~~36.~~ The method of Claim 31, further comprising the step of
placing a tensionally supported trampoline mat over said
15 bottomless retaining wall.

~~37.~~ The method of Claim 31, further comprising the step of
placing and flushly seating an above ground trampoline
within said bottomless retaining wall. Dg

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~~38.~~ The method of Claim 31, further comprising the step of
placing and flushly seating an above ground trampoline
within said bottomless retaining wall. Dg

~~30~~ The method of Claim 31, wherein said bottomless retaining wall tensionally supports a trampoline mat.

5 ~~40~~. An apparatus for providing a ground level jumping surface positioned over a recessed area, said apparatus comprising:

a retaining wall selected from the group consisting of retaining walls comprising a plurality of throughholes
10 formed around the upper peripheral edge thereof for facilitating engagement of tensional supports thereto, multiple overlapping retaining walls, multiple overlapping segmented retaining walls, non-segmented retaining walls, non-segmented bottomless retaining walls, retaining walls
15 formed from a plurality of piping, retaining walls formed from a plurality of corrugated piping, retaining walls formed from a plurality of non-corrugated piping, truncated conical-shaped retaining walls, bottomless truncated conical-shaped retaining walls, closed-bottom truncated
20 conical-shaped retaining walls, parabolic-shaped retaining walls, bottomless parabolic-shaped retaining walls, closed-bottom parabolic-shaped retaining walls, bowl-shaped

retaining walls, bottomless bowl-shaped retaining walls,
and closed-bottom bowl-shaped retaining walls.

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